

## THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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SKETCHES AND REMINISCENCES.

**This Being the Story of Some Senators and a Congressman, Including Sketches of "General" Walls and "General" Wells.**

The sketch historian should write truth without regard for feeling and without bias or prejudice. I am not writing history, however, and in these rambling and unpretentious sketches I am trying to avoid important things. We have with us many earnest and enterprising citizens who belong to the Republican party and who adhere, sincerely to that faith. In this brief sketch I am writing, not about Republicans, but about carpetbaggers and of their work with the colored brother. The thoughtful reader may find in the things I mention a reason why there are comparatively few Republicans and so many Democrats in the South.

The depressing years immediately following the civil war, comprising what we know as reconstruction days, constitute a curious epoch in our history. Some of our Governors and of our United States Senators in that day and time were "imported." The negro had been enfranchised by the amendments to the Federal Constitution, and the white man of the South had been disfranchised by proclamation and adverse legislation. Then there came down upon us from the victorious North an army of adventurers, who rode into office on the early prejudices of the newly-made freedmen. They became our Governors, Senators, Congressmen, judges and State legislators, and then, with the turn of the tide, in most instances went back again to their northern homes and are now scarcely remembered.

### SENATOR WELCH.

It was but the other day that, in a conversation between the two gentlemen, one of them spoke of a Senator Welch as being a former United States Senator from Florida. "Why," said the other, "did we ever have such a Senator?" "Sure," was the reply, and I was appealed to for confirmation. After so many years of political control by Democrats that even the oldest ones amongst us have almost forgotten the days of the carpetbagger, and our younger generation know nothing of them at all, is it not curious to read a biographical sketch like the following, which I take from an old Congressional Directory:

"Adonijah S. Welch was born at East Hampton, Conn., April 12, 1821; moved to Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1848; studied law and admitted to bar; preferred teaching and appointed principal of Jonesville high school in 1847; appointed principal of Michigan State Normal School in 1851; moved to Florida and became chairman State Republican committee in 1855; elected United States Senator from Florida as a Republican, and served from July 2, 1863, to March 3, 1869; moved to Iowa and chosen president Iowa State Agricultural College; died at Pasadena, Cal., March 15, 1869."

### SENATOR GILBERT.

And some of my readers may be ignorant of the important fact that also in those delectable reconstruction days when "the bottom rail was on top," we had a Senator Gilbert—Abijah Gilbert, but we did. The Congressional directory tells us that:

"Abijah Gilbert was born at Gilbertsville, Otsego county, New York, June 18, 1806, attended Hamilton college, New York; became a merchant in New York City; moved to Florida and elected United States Senator as a Republican, serving from March 4, 1869 to March 3, 1876; died at Gilbertsville, N. Y., November 23, 1881."

Two other Republican Senators of those days were Thos. W. Osborn and Simon B. Conover. They too, like Gilbert and Welch were born and reared north of the famous line and came amongst us seeking the flesh pots. They rode into power on the shoulders of the colored brother, but were overthrown in 1876 and have passed away "like the unsubstantial fabric of a dream." Osborn and Conover were perhaps better known than Welch and Gilbert and resided longer in the State. I knew Dr. Conover very well after he retired to private life, and regarded him personally as a clever, genial and resourceful man. It is said that either Welch or Gilbert (I have forgotten which) was merely a wealthy winter visitor who came down to escape the rigorous climate of the north and finding a Senatorial plum hanging within the reach of his hand (or his purse) plucked it and returned to his home a full-fledged statesman.

### GENERAL WALLS.

It is the custom in the House of Representatives to clear the floor of visitors 10 or 15 minutes before 12 o'clock, noon, the hour the House is called to order. Ex-Representatives have the privileges of the floor as long as they live. It was during the early days of the McKinley administration when the office-seekers of the nation were flocking to Washington to see the President. I was then a member of the House of Representatives and one day, just before the opening of the session, a door-keeper approached to ask that I identify a colored man who claimed the privilege of remaining on the floor because of his being an ex-member. "Why, yes," said I, "that is General Josiah T. Walls, once a representative from the Land of Flowers." I do not know what the future of the negro is to

be in politics. He does not now seem to be a factor nor does he appear to take that interest in it which characterized him in former days. He is no longer in our legislative halls or on our juries and he has disappeared from all the places of power. I speak only in kindness for the negro or not in rebuke or resentment. It was rather natural (I am unfortunate) that, coming into the rights of citizenship as he did, he should have been attracted by the allurements of politics and the glitter of office. It will be creditable to him if he turns his attention to the rebuilding of his race along the lines of education, morals and material wealth. "General" Josiah T. Walls when I knew of him last living on his farm in Alachua county. He has little education, but is industrious and bears a good reputation. His dreams of political greatness are over. The time was when he was a brigadier-general of militia, a constitution maker, a State senator and for two terms a member of Congress. Sic transit gloria mundi.—Robt. W. Davis, in Tampa Tribune.

[Note. Josiah T. Wall moved to Tallahassee from Alachua county in June, 1900, with his wife and daughter. He secured a small place here near the Colored Normal and Industrial School and engaged in truck gardening and farming and died in this city May 16th, 1905. His daughter, a short while before his death, became insane, killed a colored child, was sent to the State asylum and died there. His wife still resides in Tallahassee.]

### She Found Relief.

If you are troubled with liver complaint and have not received help read this. Mrs. Mary E. Hammond, Moody, Texas, says: "I was in poor health with liver trouble—for over a year. Doctors did me no good and I tried Herbine, and three bottles cured me. I can't say too much for Herbine, as it is a wonderful liver medicine. I always have it in the house. Publish where you wish." Sold by all druggists.

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### Change in Management.

Mr. W. E. Fullagar, of New Jersey, assumed charge as superintendent of the Gas and Water plants, last week, owing to resignation of former Superintendent O. R. Miller.

It is to be hoped that the plants will continue to increase under the new management as well as they did under the old. Supt. Miller during the past fourteen months increased the consumption of gas and water 50 per cent, and is certainly to be congratulated on his fine showing. When Mr. Miller took charge the plants (gas in particular) were about dead, but by the expenditure of much energy, and by good advertising the works have increased remarkably.

We are glad to know that Mr. Miller will still be with us in Tallahassee, looking after private interests.

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## Too Much Power for Any Body of Men.

The drainage proposition, now being so industriously dinned into our ears by the Governor and his supporters, is one which will admit of a wide range of speculation.

Much can be said and has been said in favor of the scheme, and much can be said and has been said against it.

The Tribune sympathizes with the land owners of the affected district in their desire to have their holdings made productive and salable. They are naturally advocating their own private interests. They do not know, and, in fact, no one can know—not even our enthusiastic Governor, with all his alleged scientific study of the subject—that the scheme is practicable, that the Everglades can be satisfactorily drained. It is all a matter of conjecture, with the preponderance of the expert evidence decidedly against the feasibility of the project. On one point all are agreed—that, if it is possible, it will cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. And it is equally certain that if it is attempted to be done, on the plans advocated by the Governor, it will cost millions of dollars anyhow, whether or not it is successfully accomplished.

The point in the drainage scheme that strikes the Tribune as a consideration of gravest import is the provision of the constitutional amendment which vests powers and privileges in the members of the Internal Improvement Board. In the opinion of the Tribune, the powers sought to be conferred upon this body, the composition of which in future is problematical, are excessive and dangerous. There is no guarantee that the people of Florida may not elect as the officials who constitute the board, at some future day, unscrupulous and designing men—men who would not hesitate to use the powers conferred upon them under this amendment to their personal aggrandizement and enrichment.

This Internal Improvement Board will, under the provisions of this constitutional amendment, be by far the most powerful, the least restricted body in the State. It would be its privilege, whenever deemed necessary, to declare any portion of Florida a "drainage district" and to impose upon the residents of such district extra taxation at its own sweet will. The entire State could be thus designated, if deemed advisable—and fancy, for a moment, the "pickings" possible from the unlimited exercise of this remarkable prerogative!

Regardless of the practicability or impracticability of the drainage of the Everglades, regardless of the question of whether or not the State could maintain its title to the lands after improving them, regardless of all other considerations whatsoever, this bestowal of absolute power upon any body of men should never be permitted by the people of Florida. It is dangerous, and sure, sooner or later, to breed abuse, tyranny and "gre t."

Florida fortunately escaped the attempted "State insurance system," and has thus far steered clear of the frequently threatened "dispensary system"—both similar in their tendencies to the system contemplated in the creation of this unlimited and supremely powerful Internal Improvement machine.

Let us beware, lest we authorize by our votes this latest menace—for in its unfathomed depths lurk forbidding shapes of graft and misrule—boding only ill to Florida.—Tampa Tribune.

## How to Manage a Man So as to Make Him a Good Husband.

A woman has great influence over a man, even if his love has somewhat waned. Any woman with a fair amount of brains and a little "tact" can keep her husband well in "tow." Don't be too demonstrative in your manner, that is enough to tire or bore him. Keep the showing of your affections for special occasions, either when he is particularly tired or downhearted. A little unexpected show of affection, or minor attention, will go a long way toward smoothing your road. Find out his likes and dislikes, and answer accordingly. Don't expect a tired man to pet and humor you all the time; you have no more right to expect it of him than he of you. Most men cease many little attentions after the honeymoon is over. It is not because they are getting tired of you, and don't upbraid him. Don't nag and complain all the time, but be as cheerful as you can, especially when he comes home tired, and when trouble comes share it with a cheery disposition as possible. If your husband or children do something you don't like find out the reason before you lose your temper; there may have been a very good reason for acting as they did. When he needs a scolding give it to him as you would a child and have done with it.

Don't have a bad word for all your women friends; get the reputation of saying pleasant things about people. If there is nothing kind to be said keep silent.

Take an interest in things which interest him, and be a good companion, so good that he will miss you if you are away; incidentally, do not leave him for too long, or some other woman may usurp your place for men are lonesome beings, and human, and usually find comfort in some other woman, though you will not find it out probably, until too late.

If your husband is a domestic man, for pity's sake remain home evenings with him, and don't insist upon keeping up too many social duties. Remember that we women are all vain, more or less, but do control yourself in this respect, and do not let your vanity interfere with your duties.

Many women, especially those of moderate means, let themselves become careless and slovenly when at home and

only the "family" is around to see them. They have seen their mothers do the same thing, very naturally they follow; nothing is so unattractive to a man as to see a woman unkempt, with her hair either in limp strings or curl-papers, and clothed in a loose, soiled wrapper, conspicuous for the presence of many spots, and their feet dragging shabby slippers. No matter how plain the material and simple the fashion, let your dress, whatever it may be, be always neat.

Don't exert your authority in unimportant matters. Cultivate a good disposition. We are what we make ourselves. A contented disposition is all important to quiet nerves.

Sometimes a man has a frightfully selfish and domineering disposition. In this case he must be handled as a child. Don't start in by giving in to him too much; still, don't be too "scrappy."

It is of course easy for me to write this, and it is for the women of moderate means to read, but the society women of today are brought up today so that at the age of twenty-five they know as much of these matters as the ordinary woman does at forty, and if they marry for love it usually lasts, for they keep up only the necessary social duties and keep a close watch on their children and home.

The woman whose husband has a small salary and many children, with no servants, to help, has a hard time of it; though, if she has good health, which is the greatest blessing in the world, she can accomplish a great deal by practicing economy and remembering neatness. God usually fits the back for the burden.

Three things to be remembered, says Mr. Belasco in one of his plays, are "Never be monotonous," "Never let a man be too sure of you," Never, never, let a man see how near a plain woman you can look."

If some of the above rules were followed, I think there would be fewer divorces and more happier homes.—By Elizabeth Faulkner, Chapman, in New York World.

### Men Past Sixty in Danger.

More than half of mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years, although I am now 91 years old." Sold by all dealers.

### New Pipe Organ at College.

Parties have just completed the installation of a magnificent new \$1500 pipe organ in the chapel of the Florida Female College, which makes a valuable addition to the school, and likewise greatly increases the scope of the institution in the musical department.

It is to be hoped that music lovers will often have the opportunity of attending recitals given by the musicians of the college.

Rev. Edward Gamble and family, of Selma, Ala., stopped over on their way from St. Teresa to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Byrd. Rev. Mr. Gamble occupied the pulpit at the Episcopal Church last Sunday morning.

Miss Ida Grace Cramer, graduate of the John B. Stetson University May 29th, and of the University of Chicago August 31st, left for DeLand, Fla., where she will be engaged in teaching English and Latin in the Stetson University during the next year. Miss Cramer also enters upon a post graduate course of study leading to the A. M. degree, which degree will be awarded her at the university commencement of 1907.

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## THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT.

Aggregation of Tallahassee Boys Come to Attend the University.

Among the first boys to arrive in the city for the purpose of attending the University of Florida was the delegation from Tallahassee, which comprised eleven of the brightest young men of the State. Luther Holloway, son of State Superintendent W. M. Holloway, Thomas Hancock, Earnest Hancock, Samuel Sanborn, George Mathews, Stanley Gramling, Kentworth Johnson, Herbert Felkel, Robert Temple, George Ames and A. Clyde Evans.

The boys are jubilant over the fact that they will go to work this year in an elegant and modern new building, also that they will have the pleasure of the term in Gainesville.

Mr. Evans, who is a graduate of the University of Florida at Lake City, will publish a college paper, which will be issued twice each month.—Gainesville Sun, 25th.

Mrs. J. Stuart Lewis and interesting daughters, Sallie and Elizabeth, are in the city, guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. McKinstry, Sr. They are en route from Fort Ogden to their home at Tallahassee. They have many friends here who are delighted to greet them again.—Gainesville Sun, 25th. They arrived home Tuesday, and the young ladies will be at the State College for Women for the current term.

### The Original.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. Sold by all dealers.

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Trinity M. E. Church, South, W. M. Poage, Pastor.—Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Epworth League, 3.00 p. m. Senior Epworth League, 4.00 p. m. All members requested to attend. The public and strangers specially invited to worship with us.

First Baptist Church, on Clinton St., near Adams, Rev. Frank W. Cramer, pastor.—Bible School, Lord's Day, 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Baptist Union, 4 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6.45 p. m. Hour of prayer and meditation, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Sermon subject for Lord's Day, Sept. 30, at 11 a. m., "The Condition of Successful Christian Work." Evening subject, "A Call to Awake from the Sleep of Spiritual Death."

St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. W. H. Carter, Rector.—Services: Sundays and Holy Days, holy communion 7 o'clock a. m. Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Fridays, 8 p. m. St. Michael's (colored).—Services: Sundays, 4 p. m. Fridays, 4.30 p. m.

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